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Here Are Recent Amendments To Reserve Regulations

Miscellaneous amendments to the Regulations, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, were recently promulgated and became effective upon publication in the Federal Register on 31 August 1957.

Several sections dealing with a variety of subjects were affected. These sections are outlined here for the information of all hands.

● **PROCUREMENT POLICIES.** Section 8.2102 (a)(8) has been amended to eliminate a prohibition against the enlistment of certain persons. The old section barred the enlistment of persons drawing a pension, disability allowance, disability compensation or retired pay on account of their own military service. Under the amended section,

the fact that an individual is drawing a pension, or disability compensation from the Veterans Administration will not OF ITSELF prevent his enlistment in the Reserve. Of course, such applicants must meet the physical standards. Receipt of retired pay continues to disqualify an applicant.

● **EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION OR DUTY.** Section 8.5306, on equivalent instruction or duty has been amended in three respects: (1) The old section provided only for the performance of equivalent instruction or duty without pay; the new section allows performance of such duty with or without pay. (2) The old section restricted the frequency of performance of periods of equivalent instruction or duty to certain specified number of times per week, month, and year; the new section provides that the frequency of performance of periods of equivalent instruction or duty will be as prescribed by the Commandant. This change thus provides a greater flexibility of policy. (3) The old section made no provision for performance of equivalent instruction by Reservists who train with other services; the new section provides that equivalent instruction or duty of such Reservists may be performed under the same conditions as prescribed for members of the service conducting the training.

● **COMMAND PAY.** A new Section 8.7120 has been added which allows extra pay for commanding officers of organized Reserve training units on a sliding scale from \$36. to \$240. per year based on strength of units and drills held; prohibits entitlement during performance of active duty or active duty for training; and provides for withdrawal of certification of entitlement to such pay if



Official Coast Guard Photo

While Coast Guard sentinels keep watch on the seas and inland waterways this Christmas eve, indoors many of their comrades will be keeping the seasonal lights burning for them, too. So to Coast Guardsmen and SPARs everywhere, Merry Christmas from "The RESERVIST."

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The Commandant Sends Season's Greetings

Once again it is my great pleasure to extend to all members of the Coast Guard my most heartfelt wishes for a joyous Christmas and a successful New Year. By your competent and dedicated performance of the many humane tasks of our Service, you have given practical meaning to the Christmas ideal of peace and good will through service to humanity. In all respects, your achievements during the past year have been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Coast Guard. May the New Year bring all of you health and happiness and new opportunities to serve country and humanity.

A. C. Richmond

A. C. RICHMOND
Vice Admiral,
U.S. Coast Guard Commandant

New Application for ACDUTRA Is Being Readied

Revision of CG-3463, Application for Active Duty for Training, is under way and the new form will be used when supplies of the present form are exhausted.

The major changes involve a request for more specific data concerning the applicant and a check-off system which makes the form easier to prepare.

The additional information required includes the applicant's social security number, his training duty for the preceding three years, his anniversary date and training category, and type of transportation desired.

Congress OK's Payments For Losses In Pay Pursuant to Economy Act of 1932

Public Law 85-255, approved 2 September 1957, authorizes settlement for certain losses in pay sustained by officers who were advanced in rank but did not receive the pay of the higher rank during the period 1 July 1932 to 30 June 1934. In general, officers or former officers whose original dates of commission as ensigns were earlier than 1 July 1931 may be eligible for reimbursement under this Act. Warrant officers who were advanced to chief warrant officers during the period 1 July 1932 to 30 June 1934 may also be eligible. The law is quoted below in its entirety:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon application of any officer or former officer (including the widows and legal representatives of such officers who are deceased) of the services mentioned in the Joint Pay Act of June 10, 1922, who, upon advancement in rank, did not receive an increase in the rates of pay or allowances for any part of the period beginning July 1, 1932, and ending June 30, 1934, by reason of the application in the case of such officer of section 201 (except as to longevity increase provided for in the tenth paragraph of section 1 of said Joint Pay Act) of the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, the Comptroller General shall determine the aggregate amount of pay and allowances, in addition to that otherwise accruing, which would have accrued to such officer if such section had not been applied in his case (except as to longevity) and pay to such officer the amount so determined. Applications under this Act shall be made in such form and contain such information as the Comptroller General may prescribe, but an application under this Act not filed in the General Accounting Office prior to the expiration of two years from the date of enactment of this Act shall be of no effect. Any officer of the United States is authorized and directed upon request of the Comptroller General to supply any information from the records in the custody of such officer to aid the Comptroller General in passing upon applications under this Act.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such a sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act."

Application should be made in letter form to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington 25, D. C., citing Public Law 85-255, approved 2 September 1957, and should contain the following information:

Officer's complete name

Officer's file number

Rank to which advanced during the period 1 July 1932 to 30 June 1934

The duty station (rank) to which permanently attached during the period 1 July 1932 to 30 June 1934, including the dates attached

The address to which payment should be mailed.

Applications should be submitted directly to the General Accounting Office and should not be routed via the chain of command. Copies of these applications are not required by Headquarters or any other Coast Guard activity. If items listed above are not precisely known, an estimate will suffice. Applicants should not request that Headquarters furnish or verify service information in connection with these claims. Where additional information is required to adjudicate claim, the General Accounting Office will contact the Commandant (PO).

This information should be passed on to all officers, widows, etc., who may have a claim under this law. In view of the deadline for filing claims, officers who have reason to believe that they may be entitled to backpay under the law should file a claim promptly for adjudication by the General Accounting Office.

Report on Six-Months' ACDUTRA Program

During October 1957, 56 trainees reported to the Coast Guard Receiving Center, Alameda, California.

To date, 2200 men have enlisted in this program and 1919 have been transferred to the training centers. Of this number, 783 have completed training and returned home.

All interested young men with military obligation should see their local Coast Guard Recruiter about this Service's six-months' active duty for training program. It is one of the best IF a man still has time to choose his own service plan!

USCGC PONTCHARTRAIN Skipper Summarizes Reserve Patrol

(The following excerpts were taken from a letter sent to Commander, Western Area, by the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard cutter PONTCHARTRAIN:)

"A total of 44 reservists enlisted for six months of active duty under the National Reserve Act of 1955 were aboard the PONTCHARTRAIN for this patrol. They were organized into a separate "R" division and were put through a program of watchstanding, shipboard familiarization, departmental work. Since they provided excess numbers in the billet structure organization they were given parallel assignments to regular repair party and gunnery stations at GQ; to boat handling details and boat crews at Man Overboard; and to deck rescue and illumination details at Ditch and Red etc. It is believed that this permitted them the maximum opportunity to learn by doing under the supervision of experienced personnel. Permission had been obtained from the District to fire a double allowance of ammunition on SGD-5 and SGD-40, so that reservist crews were allowed to fire both the 5" and the 40 MM guns. This command was highly impressed with the interest, intelligence, and enthusiasm shown by this group of reservists, and by their rapid development of proficiency. Many of them spent their off duty time "striking" in departments of particular interest to them. The reservist gun crews made an excellent showing in the GIE firing. Those assigned to Repair Parties developed considerable damage control capability by the end of the patrol. A final achievement (hard to admit) is that the "R" Division boat crew won the championship in the division pulling boat races on "Halfway Holiday". (We learned later that their crew were the Alameda champs also.) It was a pleasure to have this group aboard. It is believed that the training opportunity afforded to them by making an ocean patrol was considerable."

Can You Top This?

Commander Alwyn J. JUSTRABO, USCGR, was assigned to ORTUAG 08-427, New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 6, 1952. This was the day the unit was commissioned. He has had perfect attendance since that date and congratulations are extended to Commander JUSTRABO!

Two-Weeks' Cruise

(The following is an account of his two-weeks' training by Paul W. Greco, DC3, ORTUPS 13-960:)

My group reported to the Commander of Grays Harbor Lifeboat Station at 2100 7 July 1957. We were to have two weeks' training and observe procedures and practices on a Coast Guard station of this type. The Chief assigned us our bunks, bedding, and foul weather jackets. He told us that reveille was at 0600 in the morning and breakfast at 0630.

By the time 0600 came, everyone had the first morning jitters and all were up and dressed by 0600. We were apprehensive about how our food would be for the next two weeks, but after our first three meals, having been fed like kings, each of us gained at least five pounds. After breakfast and clean up we were conducted around the station, docks, and the rest of the Coast Guard

ilities. After dinner we went to work, fitting into the plan of the day for the rest of our two weeks. The Seamen Apprentices and Seamen did painting, work on the boats, and general work around the station. The two petty officers worked in the Engineering Department.

A very important part of our training was the almost daily forty-foot boat patrol. This is a patrol which is primarily designed for protecting the sports fisherman. There were three patrols a day and on each patrol two Reservists were assigned. The patrols lasted about four to five hours. Many interesting things happened during these patrols and there was plenty of time for just informal learning and talking to the BM in charge. We also had a little time for salmon fishing and almost everyone caught one by the time we left.

The liberty was very good, starting at 1600 and terminating at 0600. All the Reservists got along exceptionally well with the Regulars and there was some good, friendly rivalry between the groups playing football. The Regulars really made us feel wanted; we got along very well with them. I have been on four other two-week cruises and I believe this one really did much to cement the Regular and Reserve relationship.

The Reserves did their share of the work without any complaining, and the Regulars made a genuine effort to get along.

When we were through with our two weeks' cruise we felt we had learned a great deal about life on a Lifeboat station, aids to navigation, seamanship, and the Coast Guard in general. Everyone left with a good feeling and a wish that sometime he could return to Grays Harbor Life-

New ORTU's Commissioned

The following Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Units were recently commissioned and are in operation:

(PORT SECURITY)
ORTUPS 05-145 (Unit IV)
South Out Building
14th and C Sts. S.W.
Washington, D. C.

Commissioned: November 9, 1957
Commanding Officer: CDR Charles A. SWEENEY, USCGR-R
Drill: 2nd weekend of each month

(PORT SECURITY)
ORTUPS 08-460
U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center
Fair Grounds
Shreveport, Louisiana
Commissioned: October 9, 1957
Commanding Officer: LCDR Neckley

boat Station knowing he would be welcome.

Paul W. Greco, DC3, USCGR-R
ORTUPS 13-960

(Grays Harbor Lifeboat Station is located at Westport, Washington, in the 13th Coast Guard District.)

Change in Drilling Location

The drilling location of ORTUPS 09-203, Toledo, Ohio, has been changed from the Coast Guard Depot, Bayview Park, to the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Bayview Park, Toledo, Ohio.

M. FERRIS, USCGR-R
Drill night: Wednesday

(PORT SECURITY)
ORTUPS 13-934 (Unit III)
2460 4th Avenue South
Seattle, Washington
Commissioned: October 19, 1957
Commanding Officer: CDR Charles M. GARRETT, USCGR-R
Drill: 3rd weekend of each month

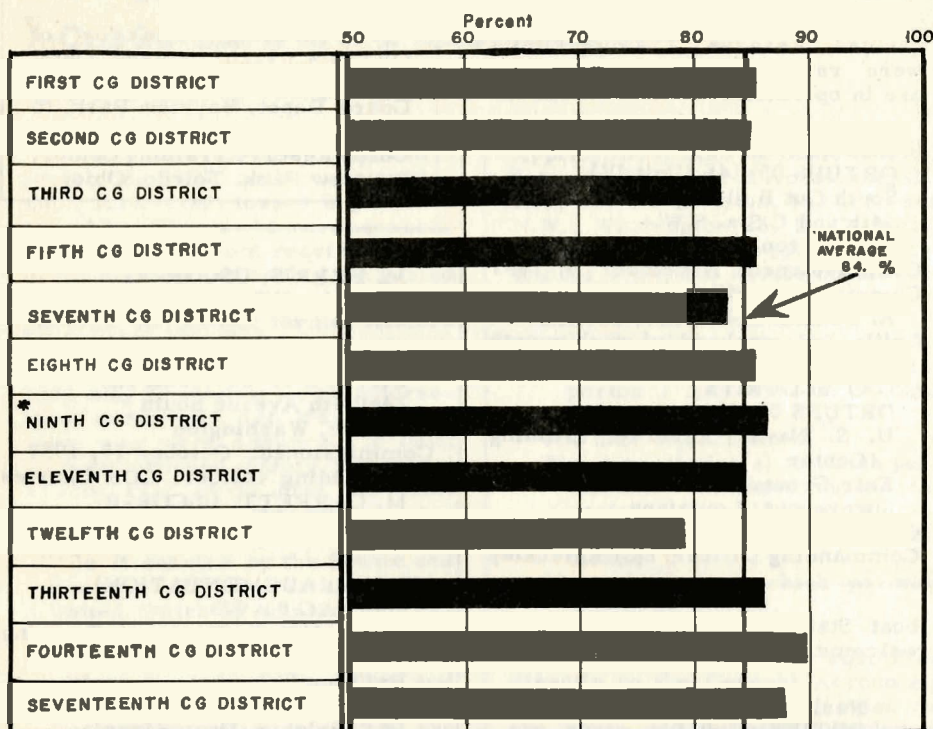
(VESSEL AUGMENTATION)
ORTUAG 03-973
U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center
Building 662
U. S. Naval Shipyard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Commissioned: November 2, 1957
Commanding Officer: CDR Russell E. SULLIVAN, USCGR-R
Drill: 2nd weekend of each month



U. S. Navy Photo

On November 2nd Coast Guardsman Bennett Sparks, ALC, USCGR-R, was sworn in as Ensign by Commander George C. Atteberry, USNR-R, Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Aviation VP Squadron 662. Both Navy and Coast Guard personnel train with this group which has its headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C.

DRILL ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS, FIRST QUARTER 1958



Attendance Figures For ORTUs

Month of September 1957

National Average..... 83.9%

Highest District
9th CG District..... 87.5%

Highest ORTUPS
ORTUPS 09-547
Gary, Indiana..... 97.4%

Highest ORTUAG
ORTUAG 03-325
Yonkers, N. Y. 93.2%

Quarterly Attendance Figures

District	Percentage
1st.....	85. %
2nd.....	84.3
3rd.....	82.7
5th.....	85.
7th.....	82.8
8th.....	85.
*9th.....	86.4
11th.....	84.2
12th.....	79.2
13th.....	86.2
14th.....	88.9
17th.....	87.1

*Highest District for the quarter

National Average for the 1st
quarter 84%

Instructor Training Is Popular Assignment

Active duty for training statistics for June, July, August, and September this year clearly show that 17 percent of the Reserve personnel who had individual training during this period attended Instructor School.

As a result of the emphasis placed on the importance of this type of training by all hands from the Commandant (PR) to ORTU commanding officers, attendance figures show a marked increase over the past three years, especially for enlisted personnel. Officer attendance took a dip in 1956, but jumped to a new high during the summer program of 1957. Below are figures for the past three years:

YEAR	OFFICERS	ENLISTED PERSONNEL
1955	47	23
1956	31	46
1957	95	79

AMENDMENTS--

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command duties are not faithfully performed.

● RESERVISTS IN RECEIPT OF PENSION, DISABILITY COMPENSATION, OR RETIRED PAY. Section 8.7204, which formerly prohibited the performance of active or training duty by Reservists drawing a pension, disability compensation, or retired pay, has been amended to provide that such a Reservist may waive a portion of his pension, disability compensation, or retired pay and elect to receive active or training duty pay and allowances for such periods.

● SUSPENSION OF PENSION, DISABILITY COMPENSATION, OR RETIRED PAY. Section 8.7205, which formerly prescribed an affidavit to be signed by the Reservist stating that he is not drawing a pension, disability compensation, or retired pay, has been amended so as to provide for the suspension of a pension, disability compensation, or retired pay, in case a Reservist is ordered to extended active duty in time of war or national emergency (unless such compensation is greater than his active duty pay and allowances). It also requires that notice be given to the appropriate U. S. agency of the entry upon or release from active duty of such a Reservist.

● UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

The old Sections 8.8102 and 8.8103 which prescribed items and conditions for wearing the uniform have been deleted. Section 8.8101 has been amended so that it is now assimilated, to the Reserve, the U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations as amended for Coast Guard use. The new section continues the old provision that the uniform for temporary members of the Coast Guard Reserve and the wearing thereof shall be as prescribed by the Commandant.

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